

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



The First Sunday of Lent

Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.

Saturday, 17 February 5pm & Sunday, 18 February 10am 2024



Prelude Music: "I Love You Lord", by Laurie Klein arr by Fred Bock

Welcome and Announcements -

The Rev. Allison Cornell

Entrance Rites (*The people stand as they are able.*)

Opening Hymn *"The Glory of these 40 days"*

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Salutation

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins

People: **His mercy endureth forever**

Opening Acclamation:

Presider Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment.

Confession:

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,

we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;

**and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name.
Amen.**

Presider: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison / Lord, have mercy - Steve Merkel

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on me.

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The Lessons – *(please be seated)*

Psalm for today: Psalm 104: 1-4,10-15,27-30

- 1 Bless the FOUNT OF LIFE, O my soul.
MOTHER OF ALL, my God, you are very great.
You don honor and majesty,**
- 2 Wrapped in light as a garment,
you stretch out the heavens like a tent-curtain.**
- 3 She who lays on the waters the beams of her upper chambers,
she who makes the clouds her chariot,
she is the one who rides on the wings of the wind.**
- 4 She is the one who makes the winds her celestial messengers,
fire and flame her ministers.**
- 10 She is the one who makes springs gush forth in the torrents;
they flow between the hills.**
- 11 They give drink to every wild animal;
the wild donkeys slake their thirst.**
- 12 By the torrents the birds of the heavens dwell;
among the branches they give voice.**
- 13 She is the one who waters the mountains from her high
chambers;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**
- 14 She is the one who makes grass to grow for the cattle,
and vegetation for human labor,
to bring forth food from the earth,**
- 15 and wine to make the human heart rejoice,
with oil to make the face shine,
and bread to sustain the human heart.**
- 27 All of these hope in you
to provide their food in due season.**
- 28 You give it to them, they glean it;
you open your hand, they are well satisfied.**
- 29 You hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you collect their breath, they die
and to their dust they return.**
- 30 You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.**

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

First Lesson: A Reading from Genesis (2:7-9, 15-25)

The SOVEREIGN God crafted the human from the dust of the humus and breathed into its nostrils the breath of life, and the human became a living soul. And the SOVEREIGN God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there placed the human whom God had formed. Out of the ground the SOVEREIGN God made grow every tree pleasant to the sight and good for food, and the tree of life in the middle of the garden, along with the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The SOVEREIGN God took the human and settled it in the garden of Eden to till and tend it. Then the SOVEREIGN God commanded the human, "From every tree of the garden you may eat freely, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day you eat from it you shall surely die."

Then the SOVEREIGN God said, "It is not good that the human should be alone; I will make it someone to rely on as its partner." Then the SOVEREIGN God crafted from the humus every creature of the field and every bird of the skies and brought them to the human to see what it would call them; and whatever the human called every living soul, that was its name. The human gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the human there was not found one to rely on as its partner.

The SOVEREIGN God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the human, and it slept; then took one of its sides and closed up its place with flesh in place of it. And the SOVEREIGN God built the side that had been taken from the human into a woman and brought her to the human. Then the human said, "This time, this one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called a woman, for out of a man this one was taken."

Therefore, a man leaves his mother and his father and clings to his woman, and they become one flesh. And they were, the two of them, naked, the man and his woman [or the woman and her man], and were not ashamed.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians (3:1-11)

If indeed you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Reflect upon things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you all have died, and your life hidden with Christ in God. When Christ is revealed, the one who is your life, then you all will also be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever part of you that is of the earth: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greediness, which is idolatry. Because of these [things] the wrath of God is coming on the spawn of disobedience. In these things you all also once followed, when you were living in that way. But now you all must put away all anger, wrath, wickedness, slander, and bad language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its deeds. And you all have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being made new in knowledge according to the image of its creator. There is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free, rather Christ is all and in all.

Reader: *The word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Mark (16: 9-15)

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went out and she told the ones mourning and weeping who had been with him. But when they heard that he lives and was seen by her, they did not believe. After this Jesus was made known in another form to two of [the disciples] as they were walking into the countryside. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. Now later on, while they were sitting at table, Jesus appeared to the eleven themselves and he rebuked their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they did not believe those [the women] who saw Jesus after he had risen. Then Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to all creation.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Leader Let us pray.

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in thee can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. Thy saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan**

People: **Lord, be with them.**

Leader: In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for **Good Shepherd of the Hills, in Cave Creek.**

People: **Lord, be with them**

Leader: We pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tahono O’Odham peoples who called this area home.

People: **For greater understanding and cooperation between us towards the common good for all.**

Collect Of the Day

Presider: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Exchange of the Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you

All **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory:

Presider: Offer to God a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Offertory Hymn: *“Eternal Lord of Love”*

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Doxology

All:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And with thy spirit**

Presider *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider *Let us give thanks unto our Lord our God.*

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Presider and People: **SANTUS**

(Tune "Land of Rest")

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The piano accompaniment begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics for the first system are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "might, heav'n and earth are filled with your glo - ry: Ho -". The piano accompaniment continues with the same key signature and time signature.

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes

in the name of the Lord; ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make;

All: Having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify (+), with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;

All: And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, (+) and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

(Presider breaks the consecrated bread in silence)

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal 1982 #S163

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God: Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, and with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn: *“Lord Jesus Think on Me”* #641

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travelers and Gratitude

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray:

All: O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction:

Presider:

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all forever more. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: *“Savior, again, to thy dear name we raise”* #345

Dismissal

Deacon: People of St. Stephen’s, what does God call us to do?

People We are called to love and serve.

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People Thanks be to God.

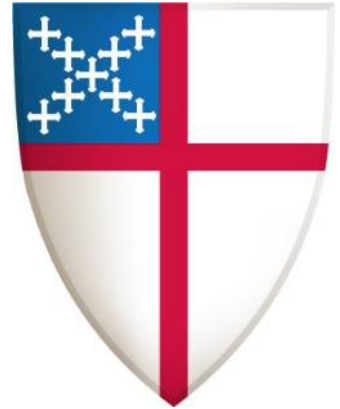
Postlude: *“Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”, Sicilian Mariner’ theme*

Sundays join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall

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